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TAGS: OVIP (KOHL), GW

SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY CDU PARTY CHAIRMAN
KOHL

1. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING TO
ARRANGE A FULL SCHEDULE FOR CDU LEADER KOHL'S VISIT TO
US, FEBRUARY 10-16. I RECOGNIZE THAT HIS ARRIVING
RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THE ENERGY CONFERENCE MAY CREATE
DIFFICULTIES WITH REGARD TO HIS SEEING TOP-LEVEL US
REPRESENTATIVES.

2. I WISH TO STRESS, HOWEVER, KOHL'S IMPORTANCE ON THE
GERMAN POLITICAL SCENE AS THE LEADER OF A MAJOR PARTY
AND HIS VALUE TO THE US GOVERNMENT AS A STAUNCH FRIEND
AND SUPPORTER OF CLOSE US-FRG TIES. I THEREFORE HOPE
THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO
SEE THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER. THE IMPACT OF SUCH MEETINGS WOULD HAVE A
MOST BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON KOHL AND ON A LARGE PART OF
THE GERMAN PUBLIC AT THIS SENSITIVE JUNCTURE
OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.
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